WAKEFIELD CHEERLEADERS' CONSTITUTION

We, the cheerleaders of Wakefield High School, dedicate ourselves and services to endeavor to maintain enthusiasm and school spirit at all athletic events.

ARTICLE I - Elections

Section I

The first three days of tryouts there will be a clinic for all interested girls, taught by the Varsity Cheerleaders. The candidates must attend these three clinic days or have a valid excuse.

Section II

At first cuts the girls will perform in squads and then each girl will perform an individual cheer. The squad will then do a series of jumps together.

The next day after school, if the late bus permits, there will be a mandatory practice for those 20 girls selected from the first cuts, if first cuts are necessary.

Section III

Judges will be provided by the Student Board.

Section IV

At no time may any persons other than those directly involved in the selection process be allowed in the judging or practice area(s).

Section V

The Cheerleader elections will be held separate from the other school elections.

ARTICLE II - Grade Requirements

Section I

Each Cheerleader candidate must have a grade average of 2.0 (C) and no failures for the grading period preceding the election.

Section II

Each Junior Varsity Cheerleader candidate must have at least a grade average of (C) and no failures for the semester preceding the election. Thus the grade requirement for sophmore candidate will be taken from the freshman final grades, and that of a junior candidate will be taken from her sophmore final grades. Grades will be checked and verified.

Section III

Each selected Cheerleader must maintain a "C" average with no failures. If at the end of a nine week grading period, any Cheerleader, who has recieved an "E" will be benched until notification of the teacher, that her grades have retained their passing average. Benched Cheerleader(s) will recieve a (1) demerit per two week period, at the end of a six week period if grades have not retained their passing average the Cheerleader(s) will be suspended.

ARTICLE III - Officers:

Section I

The head cheerleader(s) will be elected from and by the cheerleaders.

She/they will,

1. Keep a record of all activities
2. Designate practice days when necessary
3. Assign demerits
4. Call cheers at games
5. Discuss all major decisions with sponsor

Co-Captain will,

1. In case the captain is absent, will conduct practices and assume full authority and responsibility of the captain.

Recording and Corresponding Secretary:

Keep an attendance record of all established sessions of practice and games and record demerites when necessary. Take care of all correspondence including welcome notes to visiting cheerleaders.

Treasurer:

1. Keep account of all funds collected by the squad.

ARTICLE IV - Cheerleading Standards:

Section I

Seven (7) demerites will automatically suspend that person from the squad.

The sponsor shall have the authority to suspend or drop permanently any participant for any of the following reasons;

1. Undesirable behavior
2. Sloppy appearance, habits
3. Failure to perform duties
4. Failure to attend schedule practice or events
5. Unsportsmanlike behavior
6. Uncooperative attitude
7. Any act or deed that harms the reputation of the school
8. Violation of the standards and reputation of the school

Section II- Demerit System

Demerites or other disciplinary action may be given by co-captains or the sponsor for the following infractions;

LATENESS, MISSING PRACTICE AND GAMES

1. Arriving late to a game (1 demerit).
2. Missing practice before day of game without valid excuse (1 demerit).
3. Lateness in paying dues (Five cents (5¢) a day).
4. Not submitting posters before games (1 poster extra).
5. Being late after half-time (1 demerit).
6. Missing practice directly before game (without valid excuse may not cheer at half-time, ten minute grace).
7. Absent from school the day of game (may not cheer at the game).
8. Missing a game (2 demerits).
9. Arriving late to practice (ten cents (10¢) per day).

IMPROPER DRESS

1. Wrong uniform as determined prior to wearing (1 demerit).
2. Wearing jewelry other than rings, watches, conservative earrings (pierced) - (warning and fine of ten cents (10¢)).
3. Wearing dirty shoes, socks, sweaters, etc. (warning, then 1 demerit).
4. Unironed uniform (warning, then 1 demerit).
5. Wearing too much make-up (warning, then 1 demerit).
6. Wearing extreme hair-dos (warning, then 1 demerit).
7. Not having required equipment (pom-poms, etc. - 1 demerit).

IMPROPER CONDUCT

1. Using profane or undesirable language in public (ten cents - 10¢).
2. Cutting class (2 demerits).
3. Leaving during game (1 demerit).
4. Gum chewing while in uniform at games (1 demerit).
5. Absence from practice without notifying head cheerleader or sponsor (1 demerit).
6. Starting cheers without consent of captains (warning, then 1 demerit).
7. Not paying attention at games to responsibilities (warning, then 1 demerit).
8. Talking to passer-by when unnecessary (warning, then 1 demerit).
9. Arguing, not cooperating (warning, then 1 demerit).
10. Eating at practice, except at breaks or share and/or bring enough food for everyone the next day.
11. Taking pictures at game (1 demerit).
12. If you are SMOKING or DRINKING in uniform it will result in dismissal from squad.

There will be NO use of drugs by any cheerleader at any time

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

5 demerits - benched for one game
6 demerits - benched for two games
7 demerits - dismissed from squad

9. Each cheerleader will assume responsibilty to report her grades the day grades are issued.
10. Ladylike conduct and good sportsmanship are expected at all times.

ARTICLE VII - Inspection

Inspection of uniforms, make-up, hair-do, shoes, and megaphone will be held before any performance. This will be done by the co-captains.

Classification for Inspection:

1. Faulty make-up
2. Dirty shoes
3. Messy hair-do
4. Any defect in uniform - not clean, pressed or brushed, zipper broken, button missing.

ARTICLE VIII - Awards

A letter will be awarded to a cheerleader in the spring upon approval of the sponsor. If a girl is on the squad a second year, she may be awarded a bar or star to attach to her letter.

ARTICLE IX - Varsity Privileges

1. J.V. uniforms must be approved by Varsity Squad and the Sponsor. (skirt, shoes, sweater, shirt, shoe strings and pom- poms)
2. No monograming.
3. Cheers of the Junior Varsity squad must be approved by the Varsity Cheerleaders.
4. Junior Varsity may not use megaphones or tambourines.

ARTICLE X - Sponsor Responsibilities

1. To attend all major functions and meetings (football, basketball cross country, wrestling, and soccer. - minor
2. Sponsors may advise cheerleaders on their decisions when to wear uniforms, who goes to what game, how the squad will be split, when what uniform will be worn, type of punishment (majority vote of the squad makes the decision).
3. The decision on giving demerits are made by the sponsor and co-captains or captain.

ARTICLE V - Uniforms

Section I

Uniforms will not be bought, made or remodeled in any way without consultation with the sponsor. The participant is responsible for the upkeep of the uniform, and will replace the part or the whole depending upon the damage. Each cheerleader shall have all uniforms cleaned upon retirement of her position.

Section II - Cost of Uniform and Accessories

Cheerleaders are resonsible for the purchase of most of the their uniform. An approximate amount to consider in spending is $85.00.

ARTICLE VI- Duties and Responsibilities

1. Cheerleaders will be resonsible for the following, pep rallies, victory assemblies, attitude of crowd in so far as possible, transportation to the games when it is not provided. Cheerleaders are required to ride the bus to and from all footbal games.
2. Varsity cheerleaders will cheer at previews varsity sport events, and tournements.
3. Junior Varsity cheerleaders will cheer at Junior Varsity sport events and at the other events with the permission of the Varsity Cheerleaders and sponsors.
4. The head cheerleaders are resonsible for the actions of the squad. Squad members will respect their decisions and action or regard the possibility of surpension. Failure of the head cheerleaders to report actions of the squad will result in demerits.
5. Cheerleader practice must be held regularly as planned by the advisor and cheerleaders, and must be attended by the cheerleaders unless excused by advisor. Cheerleaders must provide written excuse from parents or guardians upon failure to attend tardiness to a scheduled event or practice.
6. Cheerleaders must lead cheers at all games unless excused by the advisor. (illness or emergency)
7. Cheerleaders must present at school by the end of the 3rd period the day of or event in order to cheer.
8. Cheerleaders must be present at school the day following a night event unless excused for illness.

4. Co-captains or captain must inform sponsor about all major and minor decisions. Failure to do so will result in taking necessary measures.

ARTICLE XI - Alternates

1. First alternate will practice with the cheerleaders on a regular basis with the approval of the cheerleaders, alternate and sponsor. She will abide by the rules of the constitution.
2. If per chance a cheerleader is injured for some length of time the alternate will take her place until the cheerleader has recovered.
3. If a girl was dismissed or quit the squad she will not be able to try out the following years. (Special cases will be reviewed).